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Session 1: Word List

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym: Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

applaud

 to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

synonym: clap, celebrate, praise

(1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.

disproportionate

adj. too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence

synonym: undeserved, unequal, superfluous

(1) cause **disproportionate** damage, (2) **disproportionate** amount

This big gate is **disproportionate** to the small hut.

verge

 n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border synonym: brink, edge, margin

verge of bankruptcy, (2) on the verge of tears
 He stood on the verge of a major discovery.

hinge

n. a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close

synonym: joint, pivot

(1) a stiff hinge, (2) insecure hinge

His involvement is the **hinge** of our plan.

rearrange

v. to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned

synonym: readjust, reorganize, reconstruct

(1) **rearrange** the furniture, (2) **rearrange** his schedule Please **rearrange** these files as we start a new project tomorrow.

viol

 a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

synonym: viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) viol instrument, (2) viol music

The viol player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

casualty

 a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

synonym: victim, injured, fatality

(1) civilian **casualty**, (2) military **casualty**Unfortunately, the driver was the only **casualty** in the car

accident.

emanate

 to emit, send out something; to express a quality or feeling

synonym: radiate, exude, give off

(1) emanate light, (2) emanate happiness

The fragrance of flowers **emanated** from the garden.

heighten

to increase or enhance the intensity, degree, or extent of something; to make something more pronounced or noticeable; to intensify or amplify

synonym: intensify, enhance, amplify

(1) **heighten** anxiety, (2) **heighten** emotions The use of bright colors in the painting **heightened** the overall sense of joy and vibrancy.

venom

a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging

synonym: poison, toxin, hating

(1) the **venom** of a lizard, (2) injected **venom** The snake's **venom** is highly toxic and can be fatal to humans.

mentality

the characteristic way of thinking or mindset of an individual or group; the mental attitude or outlook that influences behavior, choices, and opinions

synonym: mindset, intellect, brainpower

(1) criminal **mentality**, (2) self-improvement **mentality** Her positive **mentality** helped her overcome challenges and achieve her goals.

groupthink

a phenomenon where a group of people, often n. characterized by strong loyalty or common interests, make decisions or hold beliefs that are not necessarily rational or intelligent but rather reflect the desire to conform to the group's views or avoid conflict

synonym: conformity, consensus, herd mentality

- (1) **groupthink** mentality, (2) **groupthink** phenomenon The company's failure was attributed to executive groupthink, which led to poor decision-making.
- a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or worldview n. conception of the world

synonym: perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.

foresight

 the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come

synonym: prescience, prediction, clairvoyance

(1) strategic **foresight**, (2) **foresight** planning With **foresight**, she made a plan to avoid any potential obstacles.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym: braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

smartphone

- a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
- (1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

passe

 adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

synonym: outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passe** entertainment, (2) **passe** trend
Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passe** fashion, have

made a surprising comeback in recent years.

human-made

adj. created or produced by humans; artificial *synonym*: artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) human-made climate change, (2) the worst

human-made disaster

The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

cyber

adj. relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality

synonym: digital, computer, Internet

(1) cyber bullying, (2) cyber crime

Cyber espionage between countries can have serious consequences.

indict

v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them

synonym: accuse, charge, prosecute

(1) **indict** a suspect, (2) **indict** him of injuries

The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to **indict** the corrupt politician.

deterrent

 something that prevents or discourages someone from doing something or taking a particular action; a hindrance or obstacle

synonym: hindrance, obstacle, impediment

(1) criminal **deterrent**, (2) nuclear **deterrent**The threat of punishment serves as a **deterrent** for many people who might consider committing a crime.

insurgent

adj. rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency

synonym: subversive, rebellious, mutinous

(1) insurgent attack, (2) insurgent group

The government forces fought brutally against the **insurgent** rebels in the remote region.

superpower

 a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

synonym: great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

app

 n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym: application, software

(1) killer app, (2) cannot log in to the app

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

adversary

 a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

synonym: opponent, enemy, foe

(1) adversary team, (2) political adversary

The boxer's toughest adversary was his fear of losing.

bipolar

- adj. of, relating to, or occurring in both polar regions; of or relating to manic depressive illness
- (1) **bipolar** depression, (2) a **bipolar** semiconductor The physician prescribed medication to treat **bipolar** disorder.

aft

- adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
- (1) aft cabin, (2) aft view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

nationalist

 adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country synonym: chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) nationalist sentiment, (2) nationalist revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

determinant

 a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

telegraph

- a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals
- answer by telegraph, (2) telegraph wires
 telegraph service was interrupted for a while.

tang

 a strong, sharp taste or smell; a perceptible or distinctive flavor or aftertaste; a metallic ringing or sound

synonym: flavor, taste, zest

(1) metallic tang, (2) the tang of a lemon

The **tang** of the ocean breeze was refreshing on a hot summer day.

lingo

n. the special vocabulary or terminology used by a particular group or profession

synonym: language, jargon, slang

(1) computer lingo, (2) medical lingo

The language used in the article was technical **lingo**, making it difficult for non-experts to understand.

neuroscience

- the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
- (1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

shunt

v. to redirect or transfer something, often a flow of liquid or gas, to an alternative path or conduit; to move someone or something aside or out of the way; (noun) a device used to divert or redirect the flow of something, usually electrical current or fluid

synonym: redirect, divert, reroute

(1) **shunt** surgery, (2) **shunt** the output wavelength The railway workers had to **shunt** the train to a different track to clear the tracks.

libertarian

n. a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs

synonym: latitudinarian

(1) libertarian group, (2) civil libertarian

Western liberal democracy serves as the foundation for the **libertarian** philosophy of the media.

anarchy

- n. a state of society without government or law synonym: chaos, disorder, lawlessness
- (1) **anarchy** in the classroom, (2) lapse into **anarchy**The concept of **anarchy** has been used in literature, music, and other art forms to explore ideas about power, freedom, and rebellion.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym: renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't distract me while I'm studying.

akin

adj. similar or related in nature, character, or originsynonym: similar, related, alike

(1) **akin** to anger, (2) **akin** to the prior experiences Her interests are **akin** to mine.

Renaissance

n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

synonym: rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

Session 2: Spelling

1.	Je	h	history
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2. cy__r crime

3. a bi____r semiconductor

4. sup____er country

5. nuclear de____nt

6. v_l music

7. sh_t the output wavelength

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- adj. relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
- adj. of, relating to, or occurring in both polar regions; of or relating to manic depressive illness
- n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
- something that prevents or discourages someone from doing something or taking a particular action; a hindrance or obstacle
- a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
- v. to redirect or transfer something, often a flow of liquid or gas, to an alternative path or conduit; to move someone or something aside or out of the way; (noun) a device used to divert or redirect the flow of something, usually electrical current or fluid

ANSWERS: 1. Jewish, 2. cyber, 3. bipolar, 4. superpower, 5. deterrent, 6. viol, 7. shunt

8.	pae entertainment	adj.	no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
9.	apd his courage	<i>v</i> .	to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
10.	the tg of a lemon	n.	a strong, sharp taste or smell; a perceptible or distinctive flavor or aftertaste; a metallic ringing or sound
11.	wee on a loom	<i>v</i> .	to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
12.	smane app developer	n.	a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
13.	rete the feeling of the 1920s	<i>v</i> .	to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
14.	civil liban	n.	a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs
15.	heen emotions	<i>v</i> .	to increase or enhance the intensity, degree, or extent of something; to make something more pronounced or noticeable; to intensify or amplify
16.	teph wires	n.	a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals

ANSWERS: 8. passe, 9. applaud, 10. tang, 11. weave, 12. smartphone, 13. recreate, 14. libertarian, 15. heighten, 16. telegraph

17.	humde climate change	adj.	created or produced by humans; artificial
18.	killer a_p	n.	(abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
19.	smane addict	<i>n</i> .	a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
20.	elfy a manufacturing process	ν.	to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
21.	the worst humde disaster	adj.	created or produced by humans; artificial
22.	gronk phenomenon	n.	a phenomenon where a group of people, often characterized by strong loyalty or common interests, make decisions or hold beliefs that are not necessarily rational or intelligent but rather reflect the desire to conform to the group's views or avoid conflict
23.	cannot log in to the a_p	n.	(abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
24.	wee a story	<i>v</i> .	to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
25.	apd the orchestra	v.	to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

ANSWERS: 17. human-made, 18. app, 19. smartphone, 20. electrify, 21. human-made, 22. groupthink, 23. app, 24. weave, 25. applaud

26.	the vem of a lizard	n.	a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging
27.	sht surgery	ν.	to redirect or transfer something, often a flow of liquid or gas, to an alternative path or conduit; to move someone or something aside or out of the way; (noun) a device used to divert or redirect the flow of something, usually electrical current or fluid
28.	lapse into any	n.	a state of society without government or law
29.	military caty	n.	a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
30.	artistic rence	n.	a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
31.	eme light	v.	to emit, send out something; to express a quality or feeling
32.	a_n to the prior experiences	adj.	similar or related in nature, character, or origin
33.	a_t cabin	adj.	(the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
34.	strategic foht	n.	the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come

ANSWERS: 26. venom, 27. shunt, 28. anarchy, 29. casualty, 30. Renaissance, 31. emanate, 32. akin, 33. aft, 34. foresight

35.	dict public opinion	<i>v</i> .	to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
36.	the woew of the ancient civilization	n.	a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
37.	rege his schedule	<i>v</i> .	to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned
38.	int a suspect	<i>v</i> .	to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
39.	elfy the audience	<i>v</i> .	to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
40.	innt attack	adj.	rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency
41.	cause disate damage	adj.	too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
42.	bir depression	adj.	of, relating to, or occurring in both polar regions; of or relating to manic depressive illness
43.	dict attention from the real issue	<i>v</i> .	to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
44.	natst sentiment	adj.	relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

ANSWERS: 35. distract, 36. worldview, 37. rearrange, 38. indict, 39. electrify, 40. insurgent, 41. disproportionate, 42. bipolar, 43. distract, 44. nationalist

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ANSWERS: 45. determinant, 46. venom, 47. foresight, 48. verge, 49. insurgent, 50. deterrent, 51. heighten, 52. cyber

53.	self-improvement mety	n.	the characteristic way of thinking or mindset of an individual or group; the mental attitude or outlook that influences behavior, choices, and opinions
54.	any in the classroom	n.	a state of society without government or law
55.	adry team	n.	a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
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ANSWERS: 53. mentality, 54. anarchy, 55. adversary, 56. nationalist, 57. Jewish, 58. passe, 59. neuroscience, 60. aft, 61. groupthink

62.	liban group	n.	a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs
63.	medical lio	n.	the special vocabulary or terminology used by a particular group or profession
64.	super leader	n.	a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
65.	eme happiness	<i>v</i> .	to emit, send out something; to express a quality or feeling
66.	disate amount	adj.	too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
67.	computer lio	n.	the special vocabulary or terminology used by a particular group or profession
68.	vl instrument	n.	a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
69.	on the vee of tears	n.	the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
70.	insecure hie	n.	a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close

ANSWERS: 62. libertarian, 63. lingo, 64. superpower, 65. emanate, 66. disproportionate, 67. lingo, 68. viol, 69. verge, 70. hinge

71. rete a single country	<i>v</i> .	to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
72. a stiff hie	n.	a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close
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74. an to anger	adj.	similar or related in nature, character, o origin
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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. V n.	Vith she made a plan to avoid any potential obstacles. the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come
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ANS)	WERS: 1. foresight, 2. weaves, 3. emanated, 4. aft, 5. Cyber, 6. anarchy, 7.

ANSWERS: 8. verge, 9. mentality, 10. app's, 11. indict, 12. disproportionate, 13. human-made, 14. rearrange, 15. adversary

ANSWERS: 16. venom, 17. viol, 18. neuroscience, 19. superpower, 20. deterrent, 21. nationalist, 22. shunt

ANSWERS: 23. hinge, 24. worldviews, 25. determinant, 26. Jewish, 27. passe, 28. recreated, 29. lingo, 30. heightened

31.	I enthusiastically my rival's achievement.
<i>v</i> .	to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
32.	Please don't me while I'm studying.
v.	to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
33.	Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of
n.	a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
34.	Her interests are to mine.
adj	similar or related in nature, character, or origin
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ANSWERS: 31. applaud, 32. distract, 33. smartphones, 34. akin, 35. telegraph, 36. groupthink, 37. tang, 38. libertarian

to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone

ANSWERS: 39. renaissance, 40. insurgent, 41. casualty, 42. electrify

extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something